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Child Care Provider Found Guilty of Fraud

Today a jury convicted Sandra White of one count of felony theft for defrauding the state's child care subsidy program. This conviction is a result of the continued focus of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Milwaukee law enforcement to stop fraud in the Wisconsin Shares program. White was the license holder for Miss Essie Mae Day Care and was suspended from the Wisconsin Shares program by DCF in January 2010.

"Today's conviction reflects the dedication of the DCF, the district attorney's office, and law enforcement to vigorously pursue and hold accountable those who steal from Wisconsin taxpayers," stated DCF Secretary Eloise Anderson. "Those who take money fraudulently from the Wisconsin Shares hurt the children and their working parents who depend on this program."

Governor Scott Walker is committed to eliminating waste, fraud and abuse of public funds. By tackling fraud in Wisconsin Shares, the Department of Children and Families has saved taxpayers over \$130 million.

These charges are a result of the collaborative work by the Milwaukee Child Care Anti-Fraud Task Force, led by the Department of Children and Families and the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, which works collaboratively to investigate and prosecute child care fraud. The joint effort also includes the Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, Wisconsin Department of Justice, Wisconsin Department of Revenue, and the Internal Revenue Service.

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